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THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE fifth meeting of the American Meteorological Society will be held on April 20 and 21 at the Central Office of the Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C. Including the six papers to be presented at the meeting of Section (c), meteorology, of the American Geophysical Union on April 19, the program as published in the April *Bulletin* of the society contains 27 titles of varied interest. Abstracts of all these papers and of such discussions as may follow them will be published in the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*; and most of the papers themselves will probably be published in the *Monthly Weather Review*.

The proceedings of the first annual meeting of the society at Chicago on December 29, 1920, were published in the January issue of the *Bulletin*. A motion to increase the annual dues from \$1 to \$2 was lost because of the desire not to curtail the membership merely for money, which could be raised in other ways. A resolution favoring the Weather Bureau's estimates for increased appropriations was passed, but it had no effect in persuading Congress to recognize the dire straits of the bureau with its present program of service. Rather full information about the 32 papers on the scientific portion of the program appeared in the February and March *Bulletins*. Many of these papers have since been published in the *Review*.

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THE EDINBURGH MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

FROM *Nature* we learn that for the meeting of the British Association, which will be held in Edinburgh on September 7-14 next, the following presidents of Sections have been appointed: Section A (Mathematics and Phys-

ics), Professor O. W. Richardson; B (Chemistry), Dr. M. O. Forster; C (Geology), Dr. J. S. Flett; D (Zoology), Mr. E. S. Goodrich; E (Geography) Dr. D. G. Hogarth; F (Economics), Mr. W. L. Hichens; G (Engineering), Professor A. H. Gibson; H (Anthropology), Sir J. Frazer; I (Physiology), Sir W. Morley Fletcher; J (Psychology), Professor C. Lloyd Morgan; K (Botany), Dr. D. H. Scott; L (Education), Sir W. H. Hadow; and M (Agriculture), Mr. C. S. Orwin. Sir Richard Gregory has been appointed president of the Conference of Delegates of Corresponding Societies. Among the subjects of general interest which are being arranged for discussion at joint sectional meetings are: The Age of the Earth, Biochemistry, Vocational Training and Tests, The Relation of Genetics to Agriculture, The Proposed Mid-Scotland Canal, and The Origin of the Scottish People. The president of the association, Sir Edward Thrope, will deliver his address at the inaugural meeting on Wednesday evening, September 7, and discourses will be given at general evening meetings by Professor C. E. Inglis on The Evolution of Cantilever Bridge Construction, involving a comparison between the Forth and Quebec bridges, and by Professor W. A. Herdman, the present president, on Edinburgh and Oceanography. Measures are being taken towards a more effective co-ordination of the daily programs in order to avoid the clashing of subjects of kindred interest.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PRINCE ALBERT of Monaco, sailed on April 9 for New York on his way to Washington to receive the Alexander Agassiz gold medal awarded by the National Academy of Sciences to him in recognition of his promotion of oceanographic research. He will give an address before the academy on the evening of April 25.

PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN will be the guest of Princeton University from May 9 to 15, and will give five lectures on the theory of relativity. Professor Einstein and Dr. Weiz-